# Victoria’s child safety laws

In Victoria, there are laws that give children and young people the right to be safe in the places they go and the activities they do. These laws include the Child Safe Standards and the Reportable Conduct Scheme. Many organisations must follow these child safety laws. This includes schools, sporting clubs, childcare centres and overnight camps for children, as well as religious organisations and faith groups.

**What are my religious organisation’s responsibilities?**

Faith is an important part of life for many children and young people. Religious organisations and groups have an important job to make sure they keep children safe from abuse, by following the Child Safe Standards and the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

The Child Safe Standards mean organisations must take steps to stop child abuse and harm. Under the Reportable Conduct Scheme, the head of a religious organisation has important steps they must take to report and investigate allegations of child abuse or harm made about their religious leaders, employees or volunteers.

At the Commission for Children and Young People, we help organisations follow the rules and make sure they are keeping children safe from abuse. We have lots of information to help you on our website. This includes videos and resources in many languages.

We must all work together to keep children and young people safe. For most organisations, there is still more work to do to protect children from abuse.

## How do you get started?

We recommend that you:

* visit our website to learn what is expected of your organisation. There are helpful resources linked below or explore them all on our website: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/>
* check what child safety policies and practices are already in place in your organisation
* make sure your organisation has a contact person for child safety issues, such as a child safety officer
* talk about the Child Safe Standards and the Reportable Conduct Scheme with your Management Committee
* make a list of what your organisation must do under the Child Safe Standards and the Reportable Conduct Scheme – your organisation may need to write new policies or other documents to help everyone follow the law and keep children safe.

## Resources

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| **English** |
| [Video: Taking Children’s Safety Seriously: The 11 Child Safe Standards in Victoria](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/#TOC-1) | [On–demand video: The Child Safe Standards – an overview](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=H2DgwKwPnESciKEExOufKCyU8LobnjxMl_6QyozsRoJURFE4SVg3VUxNMU5XODVFWTM2UTk0MTVUViQlQCN0PWcu) | [Child Safe Standard Information Sheet](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/New-CSS/Child-Safe-Standards-Information-Sheet-30.01.23.pdf) | [Short Guide to Child Safe Standards](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/#TOC-3) | [Reportable Conduct Scheme Information Sheet](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/RCS-English-Plain.pdf) | [A Guide for Faith Communities on the Reportable Conduct Scheme](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/Uploads/religious-orgs-guidance-web-lower-resolution.pdf) |

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| Arabic | العربية |
| [فيديو: أخذ سلامة الأطفال على محمل الجد: معايير سلامة الأطفال الـ 11 في ولاية فيكتوريا](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/translated-resources-about-the-child-safe-standards/%22%20%5Cl%20%22TOC-1) | [ورقة معلومات عن معايير سلامة الطفل](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/New-CSS-Translated/New-CSS-Info-Sheet/Arabic-New-Child-Safe-Standards-Information-Sheet-05.06.23.pdf) | [دليل موجز لمعايير سلامة الطفل](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/New-CSS/arabic-short-guide-to-the-child-safe-standards-pdf-030723.pdf) | [ورقة معلومات برنامج قواعد السلوكيات الواجب الإبلاغ عنها](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/RCS-Arabic.pdf) | [دليل للمجتمعات الدينية حول برنامج قواعد السلوكيات الواجب الإبلاغ عنها](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/Uploads/Arabic-faith-communities-guide.pdf) |

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| Dari | دری |
| [ویدیو: جدی گرفتن ایمنی اطفال: 11 استندرد ایمنی طفل در ویکتوریا](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/translated-resources-about-the-child-safe-standards/%22%20%5Cl%20%22TOC-5) | [ورقه معلوماتی استندرد ایمنی طفل](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/New-CSS-Translated/New-CSS-Info-Sheet/Dari-New-Child-Safe-Standards-Information-Sheet-05.06.23.pdf) | [راهنمای کوتاه برای استندردهای ایمنی طفل](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/New-CSS/dari-short-guide-to-the-child-safe-standards-pdf-030723.pdf) | [ورقه معلوماتی طرح رفتار قابل گزارش](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/RCS-Dari.pdf) | [یک رهنما برای جوامع عقیدتی راجع به طرح رفتار قابل گزارش](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/Uploads/Dari-faith-communities-guide.pdf) |

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| Pashto | پښتو |
| [ویډیو: د ماشومانو خوندیتوب جدي ګڼل: په ویکټوریا کې د ماشوم د خوندیتوب 11 معیارونه](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/translated-resources-about-the-child-safe-standards/%22%20%5Cl%20%22TOC-11) | [د ماشوم د خوندیتوب د معلوماتو پاڼه](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/New-CSS-Translated/New-CSS-Info-Sheet/Pashto-New-Child-Safe-Standards-Information-Sheet-05.06.23.pdf) | [د ماشوم د خوندیتوب د معیارونو لنډ لارښود](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/New-CSS/pashto-short-guide-to-the-child-safe-standards-pdf-030723.pdf) | [د راپور وړ چلند د طرحې په اړه معلوماتي پاڼه](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/RCS-Pashto.pdf) | [د راپور وړ چلند د طرحې په اړه د عقیدوي ټولنو لپاره یو لارښود](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/Uploads/Pashto-faith-communities-guide.pdf) |

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| Persian Farsi | فارسی |
| [ویدئو: جدی گرفتن ایمنی کودکان: 11 استاندارد ایمنی کودک در ویکتوریا](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/translated-resources-about-the-child-safe-standards/%22%20%5Cl%20%22TOC-12) | [برگه اطلاعات استاندارد ایمنی کودک](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/New-CSS-Translated/New-CSS-Info-Sheet/Persian-New-Child-Safe-Standards-Information-Sheet-05.06.23.pdf) | [راهنمای کوتاه استانداردهای ایمنی کودک](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/New-CSS/farsi-short-guide-to-the-child-safe-standards-pdf-030723.pdf) | [برگه اطلاعات طرح رفتار قابل گزارش](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/RCS-Persian-Farsi.pdf) | [راهنمای جوامع مذهبی در مورد طرح رفتار قابل گزارش](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/Uploads/Farsi-faith-communities-guide.pdf) |

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| Somali | Soomaali |
| [Fiidiyowga: In Loo Qaato Badbaadada Carruurta Si Dhab Ah: 11-ka Nidaam ee Badbaadada Carruurta Victoria](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/translated-resources-about-the-child-safe-standards/%22%20%5Cl%20%22TOC-15) | [Xaashida Heerka Badbaadada Ilmaha](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/New-CSS-Translated/New-CSS-Info-Sheet/Somali-New-Child-Safe-Standards-Information-Sheet-05.06.23.pdf) | [Hagaha Gaaban ee Heerarka Badbaadada Ilmaha](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/New-CSS/somali-short-guide-to-the-child-safe-standards-pdf-030723.pdf) | [Xaashida macluumaadka hab-dhaqanka laga soo warami karo](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/RCS-Somali.pdf) | [Hagaha Bulshooyinka Diinta ee Qorshaha Dhaqanka ee laga soo warami karo](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/Uploads/RCS-Somali-faith-communities-guide.pdf) |

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| Urdu | اردو |
| [ویڈیو: بچوں کی حفاظت کو سنجیدگی سے لینا: وکٹوریہ میں بچوں کی حفاظت سے متعلق 11 اسٹینڈرڈز](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/resources/child-safe-standards/translated-resources-about-the-child-safe-standards/%22%20%5Cl%20%22TOC-18) | [چائلڈ سیف اسٹینڈرڈ سے متعلق معلوماتی پرچہ](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/New-CSS-Translated/New-CSS-Info-Sheet/Urdu-New-Child-Safe-Standards-Information-Sheet-05.06.23.pdf) | [چائلڈ سیف اسٹینڈرڈز کے بارے میں ایک مختصر گائیڈ](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/New-CSS/urdu-short-guide-to-the-child-safe-standards-pdf-030723.pdf) | [رپورٹبیل کنڈکٹ اسکیم کے حوالے سے مذہبی کمیونیٹیز کے لیے ایک گائیڈ](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/CSS-RCS-Info-Sheets/Faith-Communities-RCS-Trans/Faith-communities-guide-Urdu.pdf) |

## For more information

You can contact the Commission to ask any questions or for help with the Child Safe Standards or Reportable Conduct Scheme:

🕻 Telephone: 1300 782 978

🖅 Email: contact@ccyp.vic.gov.au

¿ Visit the Commission’s website: [www.ccyp.vic.gov.au](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/)

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